

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2007***

The meeting was called to order at 6:48pm. Selectmen present were: Janet Smith, James McIlroy, and Wes Moore. Others present were: Chief Reed, Lt. Gould, Lisa Zhe, Bobbie Byrne, Dave Mason, Alison Watts, Mike Mastropietro, Maryann Klemarczyk, and Tom Closson.

The Parking Ban Ordinance changes proposed by Chief Reed were given to the Selectmen. The Selectmen will review the proposed changes and discuss them at a later meeting.

Chief Reed stated that Officer Steve McAulay is still attending the Police Academy.

The Chief met earlier today with Attorney Tom Closson. Attorney Closson will be in later tonight and he will bring the Selectmen up to date.

Wes asked why the incident at the Town Hall parking lot involving Lt. Gould's personal vehicle had not been reported to the Selectmen. Chief Reed stated that the Lt.'s personal car came out of gear and rolled through the Town Hall parking lot, down an embankment, and onto the abutting property. As there was "no damage to property other than the car" it did not need to be reported to the Selectmen. Wes stated that the Selectmen are custodians of Town property and need to be notified of any incidents that occur on Town property. He asked the Chief to report to the Selectmen any such incidents that may occur in the future.

Bobbie Byrne met with the Selectmen and stated her concern of the potential loss of income to the Conservation Commission if the Warrant Article #5 is passed. The Selectmen stated that they are very proud of the work completed by the Conservation Commission. The increases in the Town taxes for the year 2007 are mainly because of the Conservation Commission Bonds and feel it is necessary to change the split in percentage of the Land Use Change Tax to the Conservation Commission for a period of time. The Townspeople will be able to vote and make the final decision on the percentage change.

Bobbie's letter of resignation to the Selectmen mentioned part of her reasons for resigning were possible illegal actions by Conservation Commission members. She was asked to explain this and stated that she was not allowed to speak at one particular meeting. Wes stated he has attended several of the Commission

meetings and has not seen anyone not allowed to speak. Neither Dave nor Alison could recall the incident. Wes also spoke very highly of the people running the meetings.

Alison Watts apologized to Bobbie on behalf of the Conservation Commission for any inappropriate comments that may have been made.

Wes asked if the Town could announce Bobbie's resignation from the Conservation Commission. Alison would also like the Commission to acknowledge Bobbie's contributions. Bobbie agreed and said she will continue to attend the Conservation Commission meetings, but as a member of the public and not a Committee member. Bobbie hopes the Commission will continue with their good work and mentioned that their meetings are always well attended by committee members.

Dave Mason stated that Bobbie Byrne was the last originating member of the Conservation Commission.

Alison stated that the Conservation Commission received the final Baseline Documentation Report on the Gilmore Easement. After glancing at the report, the Selectmen asked if any additional photographs were available. Alison will check with Jeffrey H. Taylor & Associates, Inc. to see if there are any other photographs.

Mike Mastropietro met with the Selectmen and gave them the background of the Town's legal case against Mike's now deceased father. As the property has not been sold, Mike is asking for an extension of time to make payment to the Town. The payment was ordered by the Rockingham District Court and to be paid either when the property was sold or three years, whichever came first. The Selectmen asked Mike to put his request in writing so that it could be reviewed by the Town Counsel.

Wes stated that the Townspeople interests need to be protected and that the fine needs to be paid.

Mike thanked the Selectmen for their time and consideration and will forward a formal letter requesting an extension as they requested.

Maryanne Klemarczyk meet with the Selectmen on behalf of the Friends of the Library. It has been a longstanding tradition for the Friends to have a performance at the Town Hall during the school vacation in February. She is asking why the Friends now have to pay to use the Town Hall while other Town organizations do not. It was explained that the Friends of the Library are not a Town department and that the Town has no control over their funds. Maryann stated that the Friends do not charge the Townspeople to attend the performance.

Wes made a motion to allow the Friends of the Library five free uses of the Town

Hall. James seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor. Maryann was informed that the Friends will still need to provide proof of insurance in order to use the Town Hall.

At 8:10pm the Selectmen went into a non-public Executive Session per RSA 91-A:3III. At 9:45pm the Selectmen went back into a public session.

At 9:55pm the Selectmen went into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:II
At 10:30pm the Selectmen went back into a public session.

The "Order Of Notice" from Rockingham Superior Court with regard to Verizon New England, Inc. vs. Town of Newfields was reviewed. It was noted that Town Counsel, Fran Lane, will be attending next week's meeting to discuss this.

The two notices from the Department of Labor rescheduling two hearings were reviewed.

Correspondence from the Lane Law Office was reviewed and an invoice for work completed on Conservation issues will be given to the Conservation Commission.

The Epsom Board of Adjustment notified Newfields of a public hearing on an application to construct a personal wireless services facility.

Granite State Quest sent a letter thanking the Town for their support for last year's fourth annual Granite State Quest. They raised over \$120,000. which will benefit the Massachusetts General Hospital's Pediatric Oncology Department. Their next event will take place on Saturday, July 14, 2007 and they are asking for the Town's support for this event. Nancy was asked to make sure the Police Department is aware of this event.

The letter from Christopher Hutchins was reviewed.

The Newfields Garden Club sent a request for permission to plant lilac bushes at the edge of the Town Hall front lawn and at the Battles Monument. The Selectmen granted permission providing the bushes do not interfere with the lawn mowing.

The notice from Northeast Resource Recovery Association was reviewed.

A request from Rockingham Community Action for funding for their 2007/08 fiscal year was reviewed. It will be reconsidered when the Town budget for 2008 is being determined.

A letter was received from Comcast regarding a Convenience Fee they are charging.

Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc. sent a letter soliciting their company for mosquito control services in Newfields.

The correspondence from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation was reviewed. Nancy was asked to forward the paperwork to Brian Knipstein, Road Agent, for his review. This concerns the closed Cuba Road bridge and the Piscassic River.

The Newfields Fire Department has requested use of the garages at the Old Post Office to store a boat and the “oldest working fire truck in New Hampshire”. The Fire Department needs more space at the fire station. The Selectmen granted permission.

Industrial Communications notified the Town of a Public Hearing, a Height Variance Application, and a Balloon Test for a cell tower in Epping.

The correspondence from Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. was reviewed.

Larry Shaw submitted his request to be reappointed as Building Inspector. This will be considered at a later meeting.

The Special Permit Application for Mosquito/Black Fly control was signed by Janet and will be returned to Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc.

The letter from the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District was reviewed. Newfields is not a part of this district and this does not affect the Town.

The notice from the Newfields Water and Sewer Department was reviewed. This is advising that the arsenic level exceeds acceptable levels.

Christopher Hutchins sent a letter to Attorney Tom Closson and a copy of that letter to the Board of Selectmen. The Board reviewed the letter.

James made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 30, 2007 Selectmen’s meeting as amended. Wes seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Wes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40pm. Janet seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer

